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In re the Application of: **Kenji MARUYAMA et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.